

Like any consumer I welcome more broadband competition. However, using conventional frequencies that are in the broadcasting band might prevent shortwave listeners to hear frequencies. I know to many in this country shortwave seems very low tech but with digital technology coming to this medium and the introduction of the Symphony chip set from Motorola this technology may bloom again. We have to acknowledge that Internet access in many countries like China is very controlled and that for many shortwave is still the only way some media comes through. However, without the large listenership of the US shortwave could die off and become irrelevant.

I think it should be absolutely proved that such Internet power line transmission do not affect reception of shortwave. A good way of doing so would be to invite members of ANARC ([www.anarc.org](http://www.anarc.org)) and specifically its suborganization NASWA (<http://www.anarc.org/naswa/index.html>) to demonstrations of the technology to see if it does interfere. If such organizations found out that the technology does not interfere resistance against this policy would be greatly reduced.

The best solution to increase competition for broadband would be for the FCC to continue to promote wireless networks where there can be almost unlimited competition. Increased competition is the key to keeping costs down AND political influence down. It is pretty obvious with Viacom's threat to end HDTV broadcasts that the concentration of media institutions is building an arrogance that threatens public policy debates.